

**An Update for Kentucky Writing Cluster Leaders
from the KDE Writing consultants
Summer 2007**

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Summer Cluster Leader Training

This summer, cluster leaders will be provided training via WebEx, an online presentation program. We will be providing at least three hours of professional development on topics such as on-demand writing assessment, conferencing, reflective writing, and transactive writing. Cluster leaders and teachers will be able to download and view sessions and materials for the summer cluster leader update. These sessions will then be available to be used with staff as needed.

Summer online training will be available online the week of July 23. The recorded sessions will be online at <http://kde.webex.com>.

Scoring Verification Sessions

There will be an opportunity this summer for teachers to attend a portfolio scoring accuracy verification session in July. This activity is a very worthwhile activity because it will give you feedback on your portfolio scoring accuracy and possibly enable you to qualify for future statewide scoring activities. Not only will this session help us identify our skilled scorers across the state, it will also give feedback to you regarding how accurately you can score student portfolios.

Attached, please find the registration form listing the four sites. We are hoping that you and other teachers from your area will be able to participate. Please feel free to pass this information along to other teachers in your school and district.

The four sites for scoring verification are listed below.

Date: July 12, 2007

Location: Greenwood High School (library); 5065 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42104

Date: July 13, 2007

Location: Hazard Community College; One Community College Drive (First Federal Center, Rm. 232), Hazard, KY 41701

Date: July 16, 2007

Location: Crittenden County High School; Rocket Arena, 519 1/2 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064

Date: July 20, 2007

Location: East Jessamine High School; 815 Sulphur Well Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356

On-demand Item Release

Items have been released for grades 5, 8 and 12 on-demand writing and may be found at

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Testing+and+Reporting+/District+Support/Link+to+Released+Items/On-Demand+Writing+Released+Prompts.htm>

Writing Advisory Committee—Availabilities by Region

The Writing Advisory Committee (WAC) has several position openings for teacher representatives for 2007-2008. This committee provides a voice for Kentucky Teachers to express their needs, interests, and concerns about writing instruction and assessment.

If you are interested in serving on this committee and represent one of the available regions and grade levels, please contact Dena Cole at Dena.Cole@education.ky.gov for an application. She may also be contacted at (502) 564-2106. The deadline for applications is **July 13, 2007**.

We have these regions and grade level positions available at this time.

Region 7—Middle, High (northeastern Kentucky—Lewis, Greenup, Carter, Boyd, Lawrence, Martin, Johnson, Morgan, Elliot, Menifee, Rowan, Bath, Fleming, Mason, Robertson, Bracken Counties)

Region 8—Elementary (eastern Kentucky—Wolfe, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, Breathitt, Lee, Wolfe, Owsley, Leslie, Perry, Knott, Letcher Counties)

Region 9—High (Fayette County)

University Representative—High School

The next Writing Advisory Committee meeting for current members is **September 7, 2007**. The Collaborative for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will soon be sending information regarding the location of the meeting.

New Cluster Leader Training (Fall 2007)

There will be a cluster leader training in early fall for new cluster leaders. This training will be available via WebEx in mid-September. Cluster leaders who are new to this position or those interested in refocusing on these important responsibilities will be able to download and use the training as needed. A recorded session will be available at <http://kde.webex.com>.

Marker Papers

Thanks to ALL teachers who have sent papers for the *Marker Papers* Project: Phase II. We have gathered many samples from elementary, middle, and high school to use as we begin adding to the current *Marker Papers* set.

At the beginning of the school year, you will receive information about the selection committee that will be formed to make the selections for the set. We will select teachers to be on the committee based on an application process. More information on this will be forthcoming when the school year begins.

Again, thanks to all teachers who helped by sending student samples.